(c) The Aero Club of India has been provided grant-in-aid of Rs. 4.48 crores for the development of aero-sports in the country. 28 Cessna-152 aerobatic trainer aircraft alongwith accessories have been allotted to various flying clubs/institutions to meet the training requirements. Besides, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been established at Fursatganj at a capital expenditure of Rs. 26.55 crores for training commercial pilots for aeroplanes and helicopters.

(d) No, Sir. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi shall serve as a feeder institute for the national airlines.

Training of pilots

1952. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that today's flying demands highest standards of physical and psychological fitness from the pilots and that these tests have to be conducted before recruitment and training of prospective pilots takes place;

(b) what are the steps being taken and envisaged by national airlines in India to ensure that people being recruited for training as pilots possess the proper aptitude and fitness for flying so that their subsequent training does not go waste; and

(c) whether Government propose to set up an integrated centre for giving elaborate training to pilots before their recruitment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Trainee pilots in our national airlines are recruited from amongst persons holding atleast a Commercial Pilot's Licence. For the purpose of obtaining Commercial Pilot Licence, candidates are subjected to a medical examination by Air Force, Central Medical Establishment, New Delhi or Institute of Aviation Medicine, Bangalore Appropriate qualifications and Recruitment procedures consisting of tests of aptitude, technical capability in writing as well as orally are prescribed by all national airlines to ensure that persons recruited as pilots possess the proper fitness and aptitude.

(c) Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Academy has been set up as a Centre for training pilots.

Tribal allowance to the employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

1953. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to grant Tribal allowance to its employees posted in tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh etc.;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that it is not being paid to the employees of the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan posted in such areas; and

(c) whether any teachers association has represented in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers' Association has requested for the extension of the benefit of tribal allowance to the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan staff posted in the tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh. The matter is under consideration.

Production of telephone instruments and Accessories

1954. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI SHARAD YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: